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FIFTY-SECOND YEAR

REPARATION MUST BE PROMPT AUSTRIA IS TOLD

Ancona Note Most Vigorous Yet Sent

TORPEDOING OF LINER IS DENOUNCED AS INHUMAN, BARBAROUS AND WANTON SLAUGHTER OF HELPLESS PEOPLE.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—It is expected that Austria's reply to America's Ancona note will have arrived by the end of the week. This view was expressed after the Austrian embassy charge had conferred today with Secretary Lansing. It is understood the charge attempted to gain informally for the information of Austria an understanding of what would satisfy the United States. It is said the charge did not indicate the probable action of Austria, explaining he has not heard from the foreign office upon the subject.

Officials are interested in the press dispatches reporting Austria as unable to communicate with the commander of the submarine which sank the Ancona. It is suggested the vessel might have been destroyed. Should this be the case, it is believed the fact will play an important part in Austria's consideration of its reply to the United States.

Before acting regarding the recent attacks on American tankers in the Mediterranean by submarines flying the Austrian flag, the State department will await detailed information.

Text of the Note.

The text of the American note to Austria-Hungary regarding the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona, reveals a formal demand by the United States for prompt denouncement of the "illegal and indefensible" act, for punishment of the submarine commander and for reparation by the payment of indemnity for the killing and injuring of innocent American citizens.

These demands follow a statement informing Austria-Hungary that "the good relations of the two countries must rest upon a common regard for law and humanity." The note arraigns the shelling and torpedoing of the liner as "inhuman," "barbarous," and a "wanton slaughter" of "helpless men, women and children."

In official and diplomatic circles the communication is regarded as being the most emphatic declaration which has come from the United States since the beginning of the European war. No attempt is made to conceal the fact that unless reparation is made and the demands quickly complied with, diplomatic relations between the two countries will be in grave danger of being severed.

The text of the note, which was handed to the Austrian foreign offices last Thursday by Ambassador Penfield, follows:

The Secretary of State to Ambassador Penfield:
Department of State, Washington, D. C., December 6.

Please deliver a note to the minister of foreign affairs textually as follows: "Reliable information obtained from American and other survivors who were passengers on the steamship Ancona shows that on November 7 a submarine flying the Austro-Hungarian flag fired a solid shot toward the steamship; that thereupon the Ancona attempted to escape; but being overhauled by the submarine, she stopped; that after a brief period and

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Penalty Is Light For Grave Offense

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Federal Judge Land today ordered the government suit seeking the recovery of \$2,500,000 from Sciana & Company, New York importers of feathers, discontinued. It was announced that the treasury department had accepted \$111,000 in settlement. The importers are alleged to have undervalued importations and also bribed customs officers.

SECOND READING OF SECURITIES MEASURE

CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER EXPLAINS PURPOSE OF BILL TO HOUSE OF COMMONS.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—After an explanation by the chancellor of the exchequer and a short debate the house of commons passed the second reading of the bill empowering the government to mobilize American and Canadian securities by purchasing or leasing them to be primarily as a means of raising money for the war.

FINANCIERS BUY REMAINDER OF BIG FLEET

SEVEN VESSELS LEFT OF PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO. ARE BOUGHT BY NEW YORKERS.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The American International Corporation, controlled by interests connected with the National City Bank and other prominent financiers, announced the purchase of the entire remaining fleet of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, consisting of seven ships.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE LEADERS SEEK A HEARING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—An elaborate pageant picturing the life and work of Susan Anthony, the pioneer suffrage leader, closed the annual convention of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, the representatives of which are seeking a hearing tomorrow before the republican national committee.

WEATHER FORECAST

For Arizona: "Increasing cloudiness."

BLIZZARD RAGING

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 13.—A blizzard caused the worst tie-up in years of railroad and trolley traffic. New England is storm-swept with rain and a gale on the coast and snow inland. One was killed in the storm in Pennsylvania.

War Tax To Be Continued For Year Without Change

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The organization of the senate was completed today with the approval of committee assignments.

Kenyon proposed a bill levying a special tax on manufacturers of munitions and another to prohibit the carrying of passengers on munitions ships.

Chamberlain introduced a bill for the military training of all citizens. Republican Leader Mann is com-

pleting the party committee assignments for submission tomorrow. This will conclude the house organization.

A committee of the republican leaders in congress is considering the question of reduced representation from the Southern States. A majority of the committee are said to favor holding the national convention early in June.

Kenyon declared that the national defense plans were made necessary because of the irritation occasioned foreign nations by American sales of

munitions to the Allies. No action was taken.

At a caucus of the house democrats it was agreed to support the resolution extending the emergency tax, without change, for a period of one year. The resolution will be introduced tomorrow. A vote will probably be taken Thursday and the democratic leaders predict its adoption not later than Saturday by both houses, when the Christmas recess will be taken, if the measure is out of the way.

ACTION IS NOT PATRIOTIC IS THEIR CLAIM

CONGRESS SHOULD NOT BE BOTHERED AT THIS SESSION, DECLARE THE ANTI-SUFFRAGISTS.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The national association opposed to woman's suffrage today re-elected officers and adopted a resolution declaring lack of patriotism is shown in the efforts of suffragists to torment congress during the session which is called upon to solve the greatest national and international problems that have confronted the United States since the Civil war.

Barant Unable To Get His Bondsmen

John Barant, whose name was first given as John Brandt, and who was arrested early Sunday morning in the act of selling a bottle of booze to B. H. Moore, still remained in the county jail last night after attempting to get bondsmen all day. He is charged with violating the prohibition amendment five different times and his bonds are fixed at \$1,250 or \$250 for each alleged separate offense. No date has been set for his hearing.

EX-SENATOR DEAD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Francis Marion Cockrell, former United States senator from Missouri, died today. He was ill two weeks. He was 81 years old. Cockrell served in the senate from 1875 to 1905, and on the interstate commerce commission until December 31, 1910.

Pitchfork Ben Rallies To The Defense Of Daniels

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Declaring that William J. Bryan is "simply obsessed" on the subject of peace at any price and that Theodore Roosevelt is like the "giant in Mother Goose," Chairman Tillman of the naval committee addressed the senate today on national defense.

He assailed what he characterized as the greed of private manufacturers of war materials, and upheld Secretary

Daniels' administration of the navy department. He characterized as "simply outrageous" the actions of those who criticize the department, including former Secretary Meyer. Tillman said that he realized the necessity of a greater army, but the "first line of defense" should come first. The country ought to regard any senator or congressman as a public enemy who tried to thwart this

purpose. He said that when Bryan opposed any increase he seemed to have lost his "usual poise." On the other hand, Roosevelt poses as the god of war and clamors for a large standing army and great reserves. He reminds one of a giant Mother Goose: "Fe, fi, fo, fum, I smell the blood of a German man; he be alive or he be dead, I'll grind his bones to make my bread."

Lay Down Your Arms, Is Command Sent By Henry To Warring Rulers Of Europe

ON BOARD STEAMSHIP OSCAR II, (By wireless), Dec. 13.—A resolution condemning President Wilson's preparedness policy was protested against today by prominent members of the Ford peace party when the others asked that it be signed by all. A dozen declared it highly unpatriotic.

A peace appeal message, entreating an immediate truce, was sent today to the rulers of all the belligerent countries.

Some of the members threatened to leave the party if the preparedness protest was put through. Its supporters said that their opponents had failed utterly to understand the spirit of the Ford invitation. The appeal for a truce concludes: "Let your armies stand where they are. Let negotiations proceed at once so that the soldiers may be delivered from the horrors of another bitter winter in the trenches and sent back to their labors and their firesides. As

it is evident that there can be no other way to end this war except by mediation and discussion, why waste any more precious human lives?" The Ford note is prefaced thus: "We come, not to add to your burdens but to help lift them; not to consider where lies the blame but to end the strife; not to intrude upon your national life and ideas, but with an earnest desire to understand them and a sincere desire to aid you in realizing them."

Alleged Neutrality Violators Indicted

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The Federal grand jury today indicted Baron Wilhelm Von Brincken, C. C. Crowley, and Margaret Cornell on two counts each. The first charges conspiracy to interfere and destroy commerce between the several States and foreign countries and the second of using the mails to incite arson, assassination and treason.

EXTEND FREIGHT EMBARGO IN THE EAST

ORDER MADE TO STOP GROWING CONGESTION OF TRAFFIC IN THE VICINITY OF NEW YORK.

By Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 13.—"Owing to the growing congestion of traffic in the vicinity of New York and in order, if possible, to avoid the impending absolute blockade" the Pennsylvania railroad today extended its embargo on export freight to include freight originating on all connecting lines, destined to New York whether for export, coastwise or domestic consumption.

THREE DEATHS IN BIG TENEMENT HOUSE BLAZE

FIREMEN HAMPERED BY FREEZING WATER AND BLIZZARD RESCUE 30 WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A woman and two children lost their lives in a tenement fire today. Hampered by freezing water and a blinding snow storm, the firemen rescued 30 women and children from the fire escapes, while the police dragged a score of frightened persons from the burning hallways.

DECIDE G. O. P. CONVENTION CITY TODAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Preliminary skirmishes before the republican national committee will be decided tomorrow as to the time and place of holding the 1916 republican convention. Apparently the only contest of importance is that of the cities seeking the convention. The apportionment committee decided to abide by the action of the national committee three years ago in reducing the number of Southern delegates to the convention.

AUSTRIA ANGRY

LONDON, Dec. 13.—A dispatch from Amsterdam says: "Reports from Vienna say the American Ancona note caused intense anger in the Austrian government. A diplomatic rupture is considered probable."

SUCCESSFUL RETREAT IS MADE BY ALLIED FORCES

Greeks Clear Road To Saloniki Base

GERMANS CLAIM THAT APPROXIMATELY TWO ENGLISH DIVISIONS WERE ANNIHILATED IN THE RETIREMENT.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The British and French troops have successfully retired from Serbia across the Greek frontier. By arrangements with Greece a clear road is left for the Allies to retire on Saloniki, which is being organized as a base. The Germans claim that "approximately two English divisions were annihilated" during the retirement. London considers this an exaggeration. Athens and Saloniki accounts say the retreat was orderly and without heavy losses. By the destruction of railway bridges and roads and stubborn rear guard actions, in one of which two companies of the Inniskilling regiment valorously sacrificed themselves, saving their comrades, the Bulgarians were kept at a fairly safe distance. The question arises whether the Bulgarians and Tenthons will follow the Allies into Greece and what action Greece would take, if they should.

The British report that the Turkish attacks at Kut-el-amara, where British reinforcements are arriving, have been repulsed. The Turks attacked on all sides but were unable to make an impression, owing to the strength of the British positions.

FIGHT FILMS BARRED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Supreme court today held constitutional the law of 1912, prohibiting the importation of prize fight moving pictures for films for public exhibition. The question arose in a suit over the films taken at the Willard-Johnson fight in Havana.

TOUCH OF WINTER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Atlantic seaboard from Virginia to Canada, the upper Ohio and Mississippi valleys and the Great Lakes region are generally snow covered today. Over most of the area mentioned snow is still falling.

RATES ADJUSTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A general readjustment, including many increases in livestock rates north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers and east of the Mississippi, has been authorized by the interstate commerce commission.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER

CLARKSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 13.—A. F. Schrader, owner of a large plantation on Red river, was shot and killed today mysteriously. Bloodhounds have taken the scent.

BANDITS MAKE HAUL

DEPEW, Okla., Dec. 13.—The First State Bank was robbed today of more than \$4,000 by masked bandits. Posses are pursuing them.

STOCK QUOTATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Anaconda 84½, Sugar 115½, Atchafalca 105, Southern Pacific 100½, Union Pacific 136½, Steel 85½, Steel, pfd., 116½.

GRAIN MARKET

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—December wheat 1.15½, corn .67½, corn .41¾.